

News in Brief

Secretary of War William H. Taft was the principal speaker at the final republican rally in New Haven, Conn.

The London Standard's Shanghai correspondent says it is reported that the dala lama of Tibet has arrived at Pekin.

Mischa Elman, 12-year-old Russian peasant boy, is creating quite a furore in Berlin musical circles by his violin playing.

A man who registered as C. F. Bryan of Indianapolis, committed suicide in a Torre Haute hotel by inhaling gas.

Longworth Powers, the sculptor, son of the late Hiram Powers, the famous American sculptor, has just died in Florence, Italy.

Owing to ill-health, G. L. Watson has had to refuse Sir Thomas Lipton's request to design another yacht to race for the America's cup.

In St. Louis Maurice Sayres of Milwaukee won the decision in a fifteen-round fight with Jack Lowry of New York. The contest was close.

Michael Davitt arrived at New York on the Cedric. He said that he came on private business and that he will return to Ireland in December.

Melville W. Fuller, chief justice of the supreme court of the United States, is said to plan his resignation after the inauguration of the next president.

A cotton compress company in Oklahoma City, has contracted to furnish \$60,000 worth of cotton to a firm of Japanese for immediate shipment to Nagasaki.

William E. Curtis writes of the reported loan of \$270,000,000 to Russia by a Jewish banker as indicating that more liberal laws will be put in effect by the czar.

The Supreme Council of the Royal Templars of Temperance went into the hands of a receiver in Buffalo, N. Y., with liabilities of \$265,000, and assets of \$52,000.

D. K. Pearsons of Chicago, who has given much money to various educational institutions, has presented \$25,000 to Park college of Parkville, near Kansas City.

Prof. Oscar Lovell Triggs expects some time early in the new year to found a novel educational institution on a farm somewhere along the banks of the Illinois river.

Michael Davitt arrived in New York and in an interview defends the Russian fleet for firing on the North sea fishermen, declaring that it was the result of a misunderstanding.

San Francisco shipments of merchandise and produce to the Orient during October were valued at \$3,837,302, as compared with \$1,393,395 in the same month last year.

J. Pierpont Morgan presented to the Italian government the cope stolen from the Cathedral of Assoli, which he purchased and loaned to the South Kensington museum in London.

The general land office in Washington during October issued 10,000 land patents, the largest number ever issued in one month and an increase of 8,341 over the previous month.

An army order issued in London states that four officers not above the rank of captain will annually be selected for a two years' course of study, with residence in Japan.

Postmaster General Wynne signed a supplement treaty with the Hungarian government relating to money orders passing between the two countries which will greatly lessen their cost.

Rev. Albert W. Knight, dean of St. Philip's Episcopal cathedral, Atlanta, Ga., has decided to accept the appointment as bishop of Cuba, to which he was elected at the recent general conference of the church in Boston.

Since old Geronimo, the noted Apache chieftain, now 64 years of age, became an attraction in the Indian building at the Louisiana Purchase exposition at St. Louis, he has learned to spell and print his name.

Three Officers of the Preferred Mercantile company of Boston, the business of which was to issue contracts for diamonds on periodical installments and mature them in numerical order, were indicted by the federal grand jury on the charge of depositing in the mails letters concerning a lottery.

More than 200 members of the association of collegiate alumnae, representing colleges in every part of the United States, assembled at the world's fair for the twenty-third annual convention. Addresses of welcome were extended by President Francis and others. Miss Florence M. Cushing of Boston, first vice president of the association, responded to the greetings.

Timothy I. Lee, the American locomotive engineer who was held responsible for the railroad wreck on the Mexican Central railroad about nine months ago, has been sentenced to four years' imprisonment at hard labor in the salt mines in the state of Coahuila.

Congressman Cowherd says the democrats will have a big majority in the next house.

J. Wyman Jones, the multi-millionaire and art patron, a brother-in-law of the late Senator M. A. Hanna, died in New York.

CITY WILL FALL

JAPANESE HAVE PORT ARTHUR AT THEIR MERCY.

POSITIONS COMMAND TOWN

Mikado's Men Can Drive Russians from Main Forts at Their Pleasure—Japanese Loses in Last Assault on Port Arthur.

CHE FOO—Port Arthur is doomed. The correspondent of the Associated Press here has received information, the reliability of which is beyond question, that the Japanese now occupy positions which place the east side of the town at their mercy.

The last assault has gained for them positions which insure their ability to capture the main east forts whenever they are ready. It is calculated by the Japanese that if the Russians do not surrender the former will be capable of prolonging their final stand at Liaotai mountain on the Tiger's Tail for a much longer time, with the mere hope of prolonging the struggle. Long before the second Pacific squadron arrives the Japanese flag will wave over the wrecked citadel. This will end Viceroy Alexieff's dream of an unconquerable city.

The Japanese have not occupied the main forts and highest points of the hills, but they occupy in overwhelming numbers positions which will enable them to drive the Russians back whenever they desire.

When the Japanese occupy the east fort ridge they will completely dominate the other Russian forts with their artillery.

LONDON—The Daily Telegraph's Che Foo correspondent, telegraphing Thursday, says that the Japanese losses during the last assault on Port Arthur were heavier than on any of the previous attacks. The bombardment, he says, was so fierce that the streets of Dalny were said to tremble, as though from an earthquake.

The same paper's correspondent with General Oku, under date of November 2, says that the indications are that a terrific engagement is about to commence.

CHE FOO—The Japanese are now in a position to commence the beginning of the end of the operations to capture the eastern fortified ridges. Their siege park has been completed by the placing of 11-inch howitzers. During the night of October 29 all the reserves advanced through a network of trenches in front of the eastern fortified ridges from south of Keekwan to west of Keekwan and to the west of Rihlung mountain, called by the Japanese Shochosan.

The bombardment began at dawn October 30, and infantry attacks were planned to go against Rihlung mountain, an untraced hill between the coast of Banjusan and the east of Keekwan and on three Keekwan forts.

WOULD FREE THE BOOTLEGGERS

Holds Indians Holding Land in Severalty May Buy Liquor.

WASHINGTON—If a motion filed by Attorney Crane of Holton, Kan., is granted the supreme court of the United States will be called upon to decide whether an Indian becomes a citizen of the United States by taking land in severalty. The case is that of Albert Neff of Kansas, who has been sentenced by the United States district court to pay a fine of \$200 and serve a term of four months in prison on the charge of selling beer to a Kickapoo Indian. Mr. Crane asks the court for a writ of habeas corpus releasing Neff from imprisonment on the ground that Neff, who owns land in severalty, is by virtue of that fact a citizen of the United States, thus rendering inapplicable the statute making it a misdemeanor to sell intoxicants to Indians. Neff has served one week of his sentence.

AMERICAN FULLY EXONERATED

Turkey Will Now Be Asked to Permit Excavators to Resume Work.

CONSTANTINOPLE—The American legation is now seeking permission from the Turkish government for the resumption of the excavations conducted by Dr. E. S. Banks, director of the University of Chicago expedition to Babylon, at Bismaya, Mesopotamia, which were suspended pending an investigation made in the presence of American Vice Consul Hurner at Bagdad of charges of complicity on the part of Dr. Banks in the alleged disappearance of valuable antiquities. These charges were proved to be utterly without foundation.

General Stoessel Gets a Bullet.

LONDON—A dispatch to a news agency from St. Petersburg says Lieutenant General Stoessel, commander of the Russian troops at Port Arthur, is reported to be wounded in the leg.

Civil Service in Canal Zone.

WASHINGTON—Regulations of the civil service commission are to be applied so far as may be practicable to employees of the Panama canal commission. President Roosevelt has directed that the civil service commission and the Panama canal commission should confer as to the applicability of the civil service rules to the employees of the canal commission and has ordered that hereafter employment of persons by the canal commission should be governed by the civil service law.

GLOOM IN RUSSIA.

Fear Expressed for the Safety of Port Arthur.

ST. PETERSBURG—There is considerable anxiety here over the military situation. No late news has been received from Mukden, General Sakharoff's report of November 1 merely indicating that matters were at a deadlock around Shakhe. The Japanese have made some tentative moves on both flanks, which were checked, but there are no signs yet of a general advance by their army.

Foreign reports from Port Arthur are decidedly gloomy, while the authorities continue to profess confidence in General Stoessel's ability to hold out, the popular feeling is that the heroic garrison, which already has made a heroic defense, must now be near the limit of human endurance.

The official reports from Tokio describing the desperate assaults on Port Arthur, beginning October 26, have created visible depression at the war office. The sustained character of the bombardment with siege guns and the breaching of the walls by underground mines, but above all the fact that the Japanese government after weeks of silence regarding the operations of the besiegers have given out these reports before actual success has crowned their efforts, convinces the military authorities that after long preparations General Nogi is not only making a supreme effort to carry the fortress, but feels so confident of success that the result of the preliminary operations has been made public. They believe the assault was timed for the announcement of the fall of the fortress to be made upon the birthday of the mikado tomorrow, which, by a strange coincidence, is the tenth anniversary of the accession of Emperor Nicholas and a great Russian holiday. Tomorrow, therefore, is expected to be marked by fate for a day of immense rejoicing either for Japan or Russia, according as the present assault succeeds or fails. The war office is trying to buoy up the Russian hopes with references to the long and successful defense Lieutenant General Stoessel has thus far conducted, but things have now reached such a pass with the garrison and the character of the present attempt upon the fortress is evidently so determined that the authorities frankly admit they would not be surprised if the end was at hand. In the face of the gloomy reports direct from Tokio the invalid Russ, the army organ, today announces that the storming operations ended with a repulse of the Japanese on Monday, but the paper fails to give its authority for this important statement. No official report warranting it has been received by the war office.

SLOWLY GETTING TOGETHER.

Russia Agrees to Part of Terms on North Sea Court.

ST. PETERSBURG—Negotiations regarding the North sea court of inquiry have not yet been concluded. The Associated Press is informed the present position is as follows: The terms of the draft of the treaty of the legislation of the court are under consideration by the emperor, who may desire some modifications, but these, if any, are not expected to be of importance. One of the plans already agreed on is that Great Britain and Russia will jointly propose that France and the United States appoint a high naval officer as a member of the court, which probably will sit in Paris.

The four officers of the Russian Baltic squadron, who, it was originally arranged, were to remain in Paris until the arrival of Admiral Kaznakoff, are coming on to St. Petersburg to present the report of Vice Admiral Rojestvensky to the emperor.

ANNIVERSARY OF PANAMA.

Reception in the Afternoon Followed by a Ball at Night.

COLON—Thursday's celebration of the first anniversary of independence was an orderly one. High mass was held in the morning, and in the afternoon there was a meeting at which municipal officers delivered orations. This was followed by a reception tendered by the governor, Porfirio Melendez; the civil and military governor of Colon, Commander Merriam of the American cruiser Dixie, the consular officers and many other persons attending. The Dixie fired a salute of twenty-one guns. At night there was a display of fireworks and a public ball. The town was decorated in red, white and blue, and pictures of President Roosevelt, President Amador and Governor Melendez were prominently displayed.

No Yellow Fever in Cuba.

HAVANA—The health department announces that it has been proved that the illness of Scott, the newly arrived American at the Cobre mines, province of Santiago, announced in these dispatches October 28, is not yellow fever.

Archbishop Elder is Dead.

CINCINNATI—Most Rev. Henry Elder, archbishop of Cincinnati, in his 86th year, died in this city after suffering four days from a severe attack of grippe, complicated with extreme weakness. Since Saturday last heart stimulants were administered and Monday life was preserved by other treatment. The archbishop had not been able to speak since noon Tuesday, but it was evident that he recognized Coadjutor Moeller and the priests and sister who were around his bedside.

ARMY WILL REST

HOSTILITIES ARE LIKELY TO CEASE UNTIL SPRING.

LIST OF THE NEW COMMANDERS

Indications that Kouropatkin Will Not Attempt Another Advance This Year—Only the Fall of Port Arthur May Effect a Change.

ST. PETERSBURG—The army organ publishes a long list of new commanders in the far east, including the appointments of Generals Linevitch and Kaubarsky to the First and Third armies, respectively.

Generals Kutnevitch and Selivanoff will command the Twenty-second and Thirty-seventh divisions of the First corps, which chief, General Meyendorff, is resigning on account of ill health. General Slouchevsky, commander of the Tenth corps, has also resigned, and it is expected that he will be succeeded by General Jzerpitsky. The sweeping character of these changes may imply that there is no intention on General Kouropatkin's part to assume the offensive during the year's campaign unless an exceedingly favorable opportunity offers. Indeed it begins to look like a deadlock between Mukden for the winter unless Port Arthur falls or the Japanese abandon the idea of renewing the assault upon the fortress there and settle down to a regular siege, either of which would release enough troops to give the preponderance necessary to try to force the Russians out of Mukden. In fact, the latest dispatches from the front indicate that some such move is preparing, though the best opinion at the war office holds to the view that there is not likely to be another big battle this year, one of the indications pointed out being the departure of many military attaches for the winter.

General Orloff, whom General Kouropatkin blamed for the Russian reverse at Liaoyang, declares, in the course of an interview published in the Novoe Vremya that he obeyed General Stackelberg's orders in making the much criticised attack, in which his division was decimated and he himself wounded. General Kouropatkin apparently is convinced that Orloff was not to blame and the order detaching him has been revoked and he has been appointed on General Kouropatkin's staff.

MAY TRY TO TAKE MUKDEN

Japs Need the Town for Winter Quarters.

MUKDEN—Quiet continues here. The Japanese are still working hard intrenching their front, which begins to look like a continuous fort. It is believed they are preparing seriously to advance, making their front strong, possibly in order that it may be held by a comparatively small force, while the heavier force engages in flanking movements. The Japanese have learned by bitter experience not to expect much from a frontal attack. They are, however, to maintain a strong front to prevent General Kouropatkin from breaking through their line and carrying the war to their rear.

There is considerable evidence to indicate that the Japanese will make every effort to force the Russians out of Mukden, not only for the moral effect on Europe, but upon the Chinese as well. Mukden is extremely important to them as winter quarters.

The Japanese continue to receive reinforcements and it is believed by Russian military men that their advancing depends only on accumulating sufficient men.

Practical Joker is Killed.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—James M. Maxwell, president of local union No. 63, United Mine Workers of America, at Virden, has been shot and killed by Thomas Hall, a bartender, as the result of a practical joke. Hall was returning home after closing the saloon through North park, when Maxwell, for a joke, stepped from behind a tree and ordered Hall to throw up his hands. Hall, who had been a victim of holdups twice recently, drew a revolver and shot Maxwell in the stomach. Maxwell, who lived for several hours afterward, said he did not blame Hall for shooting him.

Race War in Colorado.

COAL CREEK, Colo.—The killing in cold blood of Marshal Bates of Coal Creek, a coal mining town in Fremont county, by two negroes, Grant and Westley Thompson, whom he was trying to arrest for disturbing the peace, has caused the white residents to issue a warning to all negroes to leave the camp. Many negroes have already left town. If any insist on remaining it is feared bloodshed will result. The whites charge the negroes with numerous crimes committed since they were imported into the camp.

Member of the Commission.

LONDON—The Daily Telegraph, which is often inspired by the government, suggests that Admiral Sir John Fisher will represent Great Britain on the international commission to inquire into the North sea affair. A telegram from Constantinople says M. Mandelstam, dragoman of the Russian embassy there, and who is an expert on international law, had started for St. Petersburg and will represent Russia before the North sea commission, but in what capacity is not stated.

BANDITS SHOOT THE CASHIER.

Two Men Attempt to Rob a Bank at Cody, Wyoming.

CHEYENNE, Wyo.—Cashier I. O. Middaugh of the First National bank of Cody was instantly killed in a battle with bank robbers between 3 and 4 o'clock this afternoon. The men made their escape. They secured no money.

Two men rode up to the bank on horses, left the animals at the curb and entered the front door. They made no effort to disguise themselves and immediately ordered Cashier Middaugh and his assistants to throw up their hands. The bank officials answered with a volley from their six-shooters and the robbers, without attempting to gather in the cash that lay in a tray on the counter, backed out of the building, firing as they went. Middaugh followed the men to the street and opened fire. One of them returned the shots and Middaugh fell dead. The robbers mounted their horses and fled through the town.

The people of the town were aroused by the shots and, flocking into the streets, opened fire on the retreating robbers. The latter seemed to bear charmed lives, however, for they were unhurt and dashed out across the prairie. An officer quickly gathered a large posse and started in pursuit, but up to a late hour the outlaws had not been taken. Big rewards have already been offered for the capture of the men, dead or alive, and their arrest is almost certain.

PROBLEMS OF IRRIGATION.

Subjects to Be Discussed by the National Congress.

EL PASO, Tex.—The executive committee of the twelfth national irrigation congress program of the coming session of the congress to be held in this city November 15 to 18. The first and fourth days of the congress will be devoted to general sessions, but on the second and third days the work will be divided into five sections, namely: Forestry, engineering and mechanics, production by irrigation, climatology and rural settlement, each section meeting in a separate hall. This program includes addresses and papers by eighty-seven of the most prominent experts in their respective departments, all of whom have advised the committee of their intention to be present.

A large list of delegates is already in the hands of the secretary. Additional lists are being received daily from all parts of the country and a heavy attendance, including many women, is assured.

REPORTS ARE CONFLICTING.

Japs May Settle Down for a Winter's Siege.

LONDON—Conflicting reports emanating from Che Foo regarding the result of the latest assault on Port Arthur. Bennett Burleigh of the Daily Telegraph, who passed the fort in a steamer, says that all was quiet at 6 o'clock Friday morning, and that there was no sign of firing or of any movement. His steamer was thrice chased and boarded by Japanese within a brief period, the Japanese forbidding any navigation within twenty miles of Port Arthur.

The Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Che Foo learns that the Japanese are seeking to compel the Russian fleet to quit the harbor and that Vice Admiral Togo is prepared for this move. If it is effected, the correspondent adds, the Japanese will settle down to a winter's siege.

American Society May Work.

CONSTANTINOPLE—The porte has not prohibited the American Bible society from carrying on its work in Turkey. There has been a slight friction in four towns in the provinces, where the local authorities forbade street sales of the society's literature, arrested the vendors and seized their books. Upon representations made by the American legation, however, the porte promptly ordered the liberation of the persons arrested and the surrender of the books taken from them.

Prince Fushima Sails.

WASHINGTON—The Japanese legation has received a cablegram from Honolulu saying that Prince Fushima, the mikado's adopted brother, sailed from Honolulu Friday for San Francisco, where he is expected to arrive on the evening of November 9, or the morning of November 10.

Another Rhodes Scholarship.

LINCOLN, Neb.—Next year Nebraska will get another Rhodes scholarship appointment. A notice of this was sent to Chancellor Andrews by George R. Parkin of London, secretary of the scholarships.

National Treasury Balances.

WASHINGTON—Friday's statement of the treasury balance in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, \$147,324,216; gold, \$83,091,381.

No Spirit for Gayety.

ST. PETERSBURG—There was little attempt Thursday to celebrate, except in a perfunctory way, the tenth anniversary of the accession of Emperor Nicholas. The imperial family attended a Te Deum at the Kazan cathedral and there were services in all the churches. Later the troops were paraded, the theaters gave free exhibitions to the school children, and there was music and holiday displays in the parks, but on account of the anxiety regarding Port Arthur everything was on a small scale.

FOLLOW BANDITS

AFTER THE MEN WHO KILLED CASHIER MIDDAGH.

MURDERERS ARE NOW AT BY

Driven Into Hole-in-the-Wall Country and Have Taken Refuge with Sympathizers—Possé After Them Are Determined.

DEER RANCH, Wyo.—Sheriff Stough of Fremont county and Sheriff Fenton and posse of Big Horn county arrived here shortly after sundown Friday, having found the trail of the Cody bank robbers and followed it into the very heart of the bad lands. They are now not more than ten miles behind the outlaws. Reliable information has been received here that the bandits have taken refuge at the ranch house of a sympathizer near the notorious "Hole-in-the-Wall" rendezvous, southwest of this place, and do not know that the officers have followed this far.

Sheriff Fenton, who is directing the movement against the desperadoes, has asked for reinforcements from Casper, Wyo., 160 miles southeast of here, and a telephone message was received late Friday night, stating that Sheriff Webb and a large posse had started for the scene. Fenton and his men will do a little scouting quietly to see that the outlaws do not leave their hiding place before Webb and his party arrives. Should the outlaws become alarmed and attempt to leave the country, Sheriff Webb will be advised at Wolton, Lost Cabin or one of the smaller stations on the telephone line, and an effort will be made to intercept the bandits at the eastern exit of the Hole-in-the-Wall. Should the robbers attempt to double back on their trail and escape by the only other exit from the Hole, the route they followed in entering the rendezvous, they will be attacked by Fenton and his party near this place.

A bloody battle is certain to occur during the next thirty-six hours, either at the western or eastern exit of the Hole, or in the vicinity of the recent hiding place of the outlaws. Should the bandits remain in ignorance of the plan to bottle them up in the rendezvous, then the fight will occur at the ranch home of the friend, for two posses from the east and west will combine forces as soon as Webb arrives and close in on the bandits at once.

The officers here are completely worn out, but they are anxious for the fight. They will get almost twenty-four hours' rest, however, if present plans carry and will be in prime condition for the battle when Webb arrives.

RUSSIA'S EXHIBITS CLOSE.

Dispute With Fair About Percentage of Sales.

ST. LOUIS—Russia's exhibits in two of the exhibit palaces at the World's Fair were closed Friday by order of the exposition management. The cause of the closing was a reopening of the dispute between the fair management and foreign exhibitors relative to the payment of a percentage on cash sales at their exhibit booths. President Francis said that under the rules of the division of exhibits governing the sale of exhibits at the fair, if exhibitors wish to sell from their spaces during the exposition period, arrangements to that effect must first be made, approved by the chief of the department, with the director of exhibits and with the director of concessions. This arrangement consists of a fixed rate of percentage to be paid by the exhibitor to the exposition on every cash sale.

Conference at The Hague.

WASHINGTON—In a circular note Secretary Hay has carried out the president's instructions relative to proposing a second Hague conference. The note not only contemplates the reassembling of The Hague conference for the consideration of questions specifically mentioned by the original conference, as demanding further attention, such as the rights and duties of neutrals; the inviolability of private property in naval warfare and the bombardment of ports by naval force, but goes further by practically endorsing the project of a general system of arbitration treaties and the establishment of an international congress to meet periodically in the interests of peace. The issue of the call, while the present war is in progress, is justified by the fact that the first Hague conference was called before our treaty of peace with Spain was concluded.

Price of Coal Advances.

PITTSBURGH—Prices of all grades of coal have been advanced 35 cents a ton as the result of the increased demand for coal and the strike of engineers in Illinois.

Booth-Tucker in London.

NEW YORK—It was announced that Commander Frederick Booth-Tucker, who for eight and a half years has commanded the Salvation Army forces in the United States, is appointed to the international headquarters in London, and will act as secretary and represent all countries outside of Great Britain. This will make it necessary for the commander to travel in all parts of the world. Commander Booth-Tucker's farewell meeting in New York City will be held on November 15.